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NIE 34-57, "The Outlook for Iran," was written in January 1957 to cover developments in Iran "over the next few years." It was then estimated that the Shah's regime could remain in power for the next two years or so but that its ability to govern effectively beyond this time would depend greatly upon the success of plans for economic development and progress in social and political reforms. These estimates have proved to be valid, although today we perhaps have less faith in the political benefits of general economic development. In other respects as well the estimate has remained generally valid, although in need of updating as it nears the end of its period.